

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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March 10, 2010

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is requesting bids for mowing and litter removal on plant projects along US 70 in the vicinity of the Neuse/Trent River Bridges in Craven County. The contractor must furnish all labor, materials, equipment, traffic control, and any other items necessary for the completion of this contract.

The Department of Transportation does not exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award and performance of any contract covered by this program on the basis of race, color, sex, political affiliation/influence, or national origin.

SBE PROGRAM INFORMATION

This is a SBE contract and to qualify for the NCDOT SBE Program a firm must have an annual gross income of \$1,500,000 or less, exclusive of materials. Only contractors currently certified as a SBE Contractor by the Contractual Services Unit of NCDOT and is listed in the Directory of Transportation Firms at bid opening will be eligible to bid on this project.

Prospective bidders who qualify for the SBE Program and are not currently certified should submit a completed application packet prior to bid submittal to allow for review time. The application packet and additional information on the program may be obtained online at:

http://www.ncdot.org/business/ocs/sbe/

Per G.S. 136-28.10, a NC General Contractor's license and contract payment and performance bonds may be waived for SBE contracts. For this project, the NC General Contractor's license and contract payment and performance bonds will be waived.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

To ensure all prospective bidders are given an opportunity to obtain information relevant to the project, a mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 10:00 AM. The conference will be held at the District 3 Office Conference Room, located at 1629 Hwy 258 South in Kinston.

FAX: (252) 830-3341 WEBSITE: WWW.NCDOT.GOV

BID OPENING

Sealed bids must be received at the Division Office at 105 Pactolus Hwy. in Greenville, by **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 10:00 AM**. Bids must be submitted on the official bid form included in the contract proposal and shall display the following statement on the front of the bid envelope:

ATTN: AARON BULLARD, PE QUOTATION FOR MOWING AT NEUSE/TRENT RIVER BRIDGES TO BE OPENED AT 10:00 AM, TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Transportation (49 CFR, Part 21), issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, color, or national origin.

CONTRACT AVAILABILITY

The availability date for this project will be **the date the purchase order is issued.** The completion date is **December 31, 2010**, with the option of two additional renewal periods.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contract proposal packages are available at the Division 2 website: http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/operations/division2/bids/. In order for us to maintain an accurate list of bidders, please contact me at (252) 695-2044 if you intend to bid on this project, or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bullard, PE Division Contract Officer

cc: Mr. John Wells